National Environment Policy

2093. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalized a National Environment Policy, 2005;

(b) if so, what are its main features; and

(c) how does the policy address the problem of ozone layer protection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not yet finalized the National Environment Policy, 2005.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Active river conservation policy

2094. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the lack of enthusiasm on the part of Government for having an active river conservation policy;

(b) the details for this reluctance;

(c) whether it is a fact that representation from NGOs and others are un-heeded by Government; and

(d) what steps will be taken to activate policies and schemes for effective river conservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The National River Conservation Directorate under the Ministry of Environment and Forests is the executing agency for implementation of projects of conservation of rivers across the country. Under the programme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) being implemented by the Ministry, the water quality of the rivers is envisaged to be improved by implementing the following major works of pollution abatement:

i) Interception and Diversion (I&D)

ii) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)

iii) Low Cost Sanitation (LCS)

iv) Crematoria (CRE)

v) River Front Development (RFD)

vi) Public Participation & Awareness (PP&A)

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The policy measures to improve the water quality of rivers have been laid down by a high level River Conservation Authority, namely, National River Conservation Authority, which are being followed both at Central Government and State Government levels. With the launching of the works of pollution abatement in Ganga in the year 1985 in the beginning, the NRCP now covers pollution abatement works in 32 rivers, spread over 158 towns and 19 States.

Poaching of tigers

2095. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the major factors that made the poaching possible to tiger reserves during recent years;

(b) whether the connivance of some of the staff of Forest Department has been established;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken to rehabilitate the tigers in these reserves;

(e) what new measures are being taken against poaching; and

(f) whether Government are considering to set up any Expert Committee to monitor the affairs of such reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) There are several causative factors, in addition to site specific problems, which foster